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## Season of events arrives for Elba Chamber of Commerce

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The month of September marks the beginning of the season of events hosted by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and officials said this season has potential to be one of the best ever with many old favorite events to be held along with a new and exciting event.

Later this month, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual membership banquet. The banquet is set for Thursday evening, Sept. 18, and will be held at the National Security Conference Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Fort Rucker...We Salute You." Those interested in attending should contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office by Friday, Sept. 12, to purchase tickets.

The month of October will bring the return of a favorite event with the annual "Pumpkins on the Square." This free to the public event allows youngsters to trick-or-treat around the square in downtown Elba as area merchants and others set up tables and booths to pass out the holiday candy.

Other games and activities also highlight this fun-for-the-family event. Look for additional information regarding "Pumpkins on the Square" in upcoming editions of The Elba Clipper.

In November, the chamber will host a new event. On Saturday, Nov. 8, the first ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts and Crafts Festival will be held at Miller Memorial Stadium in downtown Elba.

The Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash, a sanctioned event by the Florida BBQ Association, will include a professional and backyard barbecue contest. Awards will be given in each division.

While the barbecuers are working their magic with their grills, there will be plenty of other activities going on throughout the day.

A wide-variety of vendors are expected for the arts and crafts festival, and games will be held throughout the day. Plenty of entertainment also will highlight the day.

During the event, the "Wiregrass Star" will be decided.

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## FY 2009 budget hearings set for local school systems

The time of year for budget hearings has arrived, and both the Elba City Board of Education and the Coffee County Board of Education each will conduct two hearings prior to the approval of the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

The hearings are set to begin this week.

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing to present the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2009 on Thursday, Sept. 4 (TONIGHT), at 6 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Ala. The second public hearing will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Board of Education Administrative Office in Elba, with a short board meeting following the hearing to approve the budget.

Officials said parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing.

The Elba City Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Friday, Sept. 5, at 12 p.m. (noon), and Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the system-wide budget for Fiscal Year 2009. Both public hearings will be held at the Elba City Board of Education office at 131 Tiger Drive in Elba, Ala.

Budget forms will be available at the board office prior to the meetings.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, the Elba BOE will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. to approve the FY09 budget.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Two groups, Carpenters for Christ and Crossover Ministries (Opp. Ala.), came together recently to help move forward the ongoing Habitat for Humanity project in Elba.

The Habitat project, sponsored by the Elba Rotary Club, includes the construction of the second Habitat for Humanity Home in the city of Elba by Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County.

Upon arriving at the construction site around daylight Friday, Aug. 22, the group of volunteers from Carpenters for Christ and Crossover Ministries found a concrete slab waiting for a house to be built on it. Within only a few hours, that house began to take shape as approximately 40 men worked together on the project. By the end of the day, the house was framed with roof.

The original plan was for the group to be in Elba on Friday and Saturday with a goal of having the house weather-tight when they left, but Tropical Storm Fay prevented them

## Area Happenings

**EVENT RESCHEDULED: DEDICATION OF THE MARKER** engraved with names of title sponsors will be Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m., at Elba's Tiger/Town Park/Playground. Also, there will be an announcement of two grants awarded to complete the park, including restrooms, a pavilion and amphitheater. A special invitation is extended to children to be present to release balloons after the dedication ceremony.

**THE ELBA COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDARS** are now on sale through Friday, Sept. 26. Contact any Elba elementary or high school board member or contact Kimberly McElride, chairperson of the Elba Band Business Boost Calendar Sales, at 334-427-3476 (work) or 334-897-5160 (home).

**THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL** will meet Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. for the regular monthly council meeting. The meeting will be held at the New Brockton Town Hall.

## Local fans "catch" the football fever



Photo by Mike Capps

The 2008 high school football season opened last week, and there was plenty of excitement to go around as three of the five local teams came away with victories. The Elba Tigers, New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs opened the season with wins, and while the Zion Chapel Rebels and Kinston Bulldogs fell short of the win column in week one, the players gave it their all with fans cheering them along the way. Above, a Kinston Bulldog goes to the ground to try and pull in a catch during last Thursday evening's contest against Red Level. (For more information on last week's area games, turn to the sports section of today's paper. All five teams will return to the gridiron Friday evening, Sept. 5, and all will be on the road. The Elba Tigers will travel to Cottonwood, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to G.W. Long, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Goshen, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Geneva County and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Providence Christian. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

## Groups come together to help with Habitat for Humanity house in Elba

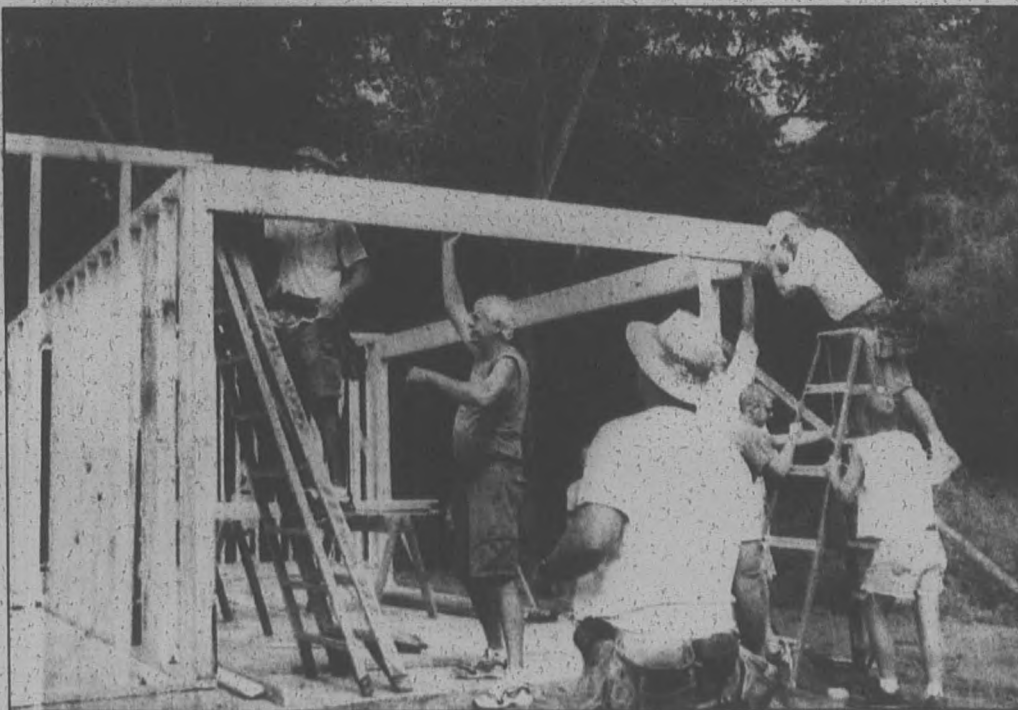
from working on Saturday. However, it did not prevent them from making tremendous progress on Friday. Often times during the day Friday, onlookers were heard commenting that they could not believe how fast the house was coming together.

According to Orie Knowlton, a member of Carpenters for Christ, the group was established around 1974 and has been building churches all over ever since. He said Carpenters for Christ has been in about 15 or 16 different states, as well as, other countries.

"Jesus Christ is the one who gets us through," Knowlton said. "We're all volunteers. Everybody pays their own way, and we just have a good time with it."

While the group mainly works to help build churches, Knowlton said they were all glad to be in Elba to help with the Habitat for Humanity project, and he credited Gerald Hartley of Crossover Ministries for getting them involved.

Hartley coordinated between the two groups, and he said the folks at Crossover Ministries wanted to be a part of the building of this home because of their connection with Keith Daniels, a member of the recip-



**Volunteers from Carpenters for Christ and Crossover Ministries** work together Friday morning, Aug. 22, to frame the Habitat for Humanity house being built in Elba. Approximately 40 volunteers from the two groups worked together throughout the day to move the project forward. This Habitat house is the second to be built in Elba. This project is being sponsored by the Elba Rotary Club through Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County.

ient family. According to Hartley, Crossover Ministries is a drug and alcohol recovery faith-based ministry, and its support comes from churches, individuals and businesses that have an interest.



**When the volunteers from Carpenters for Christ and Crossover Ministries** arrived in Elba Friday morning, Aug. 22, they found only the slab awaiting them. When they finished that evening, this was the result of their hard work and dedication to the project.

"It's good for our clients to do something for the community," said Hartley. "When Keith came to us, we wanted to get involved and help with this project."

Todd Sasser, executive director of Crossover Ministries, said he was thankful to be in Elba to help with the Habitat project. He agreed with Hartley saying it is good for the clients of Crossover Ministries to get involved and give back to the community.

"This is God's hands at work," Sasser said as he watched the men work together to build frame the Habitat home. "There are people from all over the State of Alabama here, and I'm blessed to be a part of it."

As he watched Daniels work along the other men, Sasser said he wanted Keith to understand the home is a gift from God. He said he's been given a

new start in life with this new home.

"He sees the rewards for being obedient to God," Sasser said.

Wyatt Sasser, a contractor from Covington County, also was at the site to help the group with the building project, and he said he just wanted to pitch in wherever he could.

"When God's hand is at work, he takes over," he said.

Members of the Elba Rotary Club said they were very thankful for all the work the men from Carpenters for Christ and Crossover Ministries did while they were in town.

While much work was done on Friday, Aug. 22, there is still plenty more to be done, and the Elba Rotary Club continues to move forward with the completion of this project. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this project should contact the Elba Rotary Club.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The problems Americans currently face seem insurmountable, and they only appear to worsen at every turn. John W. Whitehead, of the Rutherford Institute wrote last week, "we've gotten the government—and the society—we deserve, and no political savior will get us out of this fix. Thus, if there is to be any real hope for change, it rests, as it always has, in 'we the people' because while we may be a large part of the problem, we are also the solution." It is a shame that so many Americans are in a mood of demanding more government "entitlements" rather than accepting the reality that we are each part of the problem and need to suck it up and become part of the solution.

Labor Day has come and gone, high school and college football are each going at full blast. It will be only a few weeks before the heat of every day will be the chilly winds (or down right cold) of the day. However in between we can expect the wonderful crisp mornings and comfortable days of autumn. God gives us the hot days of summer and the cold days of winter but in between each we have either the delightful days of fall or the inspiring days of spring.

If you haven't done so lately, Coffee County residents need to get on their knees and thank God for sparing us during the recent storms. Of course the latest one missed all of Alabama and it appears Hanna will do the same. The most remarkable thing was to watch the winds and rain from Fay part when they approached Coffee County. Time and time again the bad weather warnings were being issued for counties North, South, East and West of us, but Coffee County was strangely (and thankfully) omitted. Non-believers will contend it is "the luck of the draw" and our day will come again. Okay, whatever turns them on, but even though we don't understand the reasoning, in our mind it is all part of God's master plan.

Labor Day weekend was spent with siblings, children and grandchildren in what has become an annual tradition in our family. Even though the hectic lifestyles of today causes someone to be absent, arrive late and/or leave early each year, all attending seem to enjoy the time together. There have been a couple of complete cancellations in recent years, each caused by major storms. For a while it seemed the same was going to happen again this year. In spite of anxiously watching the weather reports for a week, we made it through with flying colors.

It has been interesting to listen to the wide variety of opinions over the selection of the governor of Alaska as the Republican candidate of Vice President. For the record, we think it was a smart move. She can relate to basketball fans, working folks, outdoor fans, parents raising large families and those who lovingly care for a mentally or physically challenged child. She is an elected public official, has served in various offices from the grassroots up, her husband is a union member... the list goes on and on. Add in that she has not lost the good looks and charm which made her runner up in the Miss Alaska contest and... well it was a smart move.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 25, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for domestic violence, four for theft of property, one for burglary, two for an abandoned vehicle, one death investigation, one private property accident and one running at large.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, one for assault, two for probation revocation, one for domestic violence and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: thirty-seven for not wearing a seat belt, three for failure to display insurance, two for driver's license not in possession, three for a suspended driver's license, eight for speeding, three for an expired tag, eight for no insurance, one for no child restraint, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, seven for no proof of insurance and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 25** – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 29950 Hwy. 87 (10:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2351 Hickman Ave. (11:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Elba Police Department (1:07 p.m.).  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26** – Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba Elementary

School (7:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5324 County Rd. 114 (9:49 a.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27** – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1535 N. Claxton Ave. (12:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1123 Farris St. (5:24 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported near Coleman Funeral Home (8:47 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28** – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1115 Guyton St. (12:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1127 Morrow Village (8:28 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 400 Reddock Hill Rd. (3:53 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 737 Williams St. (4:29 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 343 Brunson Circle (5:22 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at 381 Old Samson Rd. (6:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 609 Mullins Circle (6:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20265 Hwy. 189 N. (11:32 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29** – Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire (hay field) on County Rd. 377 (4:07 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30** – Fight reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (12:15 a.m.); Fight reported at 823 Roosevelt Dr. (12:24 a.m.); Fight reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (12:40 a.m.); Possible burglary reported at 891 E. Davis St. (3:51 p.m.).

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## EVENTS

This contest will allow local folks to show off their singing abilities as they compete before judges to be crowned the "Wiregrass Star."

At 3 p.m. that afternoon, LBWCC announces Summer Semester honor students

Mr. L. Wayne Bennett, Interim LBW Community College President, has announced academic honor students for the 2008 Summer Semester.

A total of 37 students were named to the President's List and 64 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.5-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and a 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List.

The following students from Coffee County were among those who received honors distinctions:

**President's List**  
 Coffee County  
 Jack John L. Legg  
 Adam Christopher Spear  
 Kinston Shelly Dianne Wingard

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## Elba Police Report

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 675 County Rd. 114 (9:49 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in parking lot at Elba General Hospital (3:52 p.m.).

**CALL CRIMESTOPPERS** - 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME REMAIN ANONYMOUS

## BULLETIN BOARD

• **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.A.M.S.** addition money military services - (gibkicb) 7 p.m. - Ino Baptist Church, Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com.  
 • **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Thursday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more info.  
 • **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Call FREE 1-800-772-1213 or visit the website at www.ssa.gov.  
 • **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
 • **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall  
 • **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall  
 • **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
 • **CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-center on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Gantt Classroom  
 • **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
 • **LEONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center  
 • **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office  
 • **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 2-3:30 - 430 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5853  
 • **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House  
 • **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - P.O. Box, Enterprise  
 • **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 3rd Thursday at 5 P.M. - the FBO office at the Airport  
 • **A.A.R.S.** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
 • **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room  
 • **NEW LEARNERS STUDY CLUB** - every 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m.  
 • **ELBA KIWANIS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tuesday - Noon - Elba Public Library

country music will take center stage as Shane Owens entertains the crowd with his music. He will be followed by the awards ceremony for the BBQ Bash.

Then, at 6 p.m., the show-band "Archie" will close out the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash. And this year should be no different. The date and time for this year's parade will be announced at a later date.

For more information on any of these events hosted by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, contact the chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

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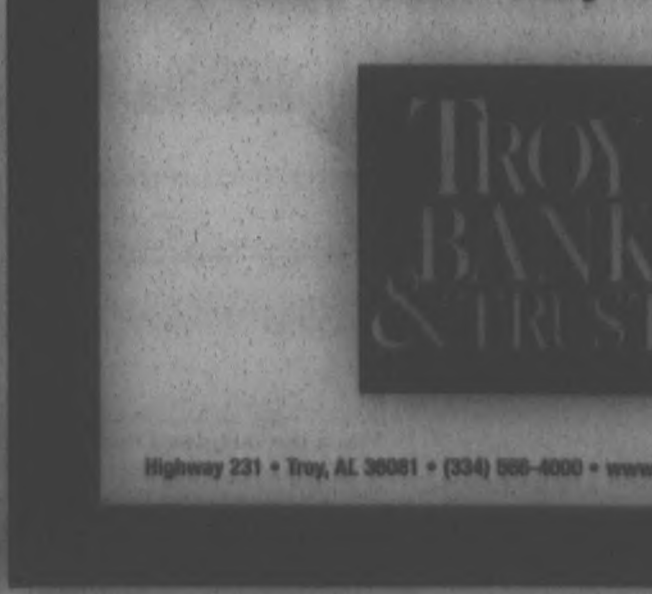
## An interesting find...



Vivian Kemp recently found this unusual looking mushroom growing in her backyard. Kemp said she has lots of mushrooms that grow in her yard (usually white in color). Upon finding this odd looking mushroom, she said she had never seen one grow quite like this. Kemp said it has an unusual shape and color. She said someone told her she can keep the mushroom alive for a while by putting it in water. That was the plan last week after she left The Elba Clipper office.



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## Shuffling Through Our Files...

(News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

## 10 Years Ago

Alabama National Guard clearing debris from Beaver Dam Creek - An engineering unit with the Alabama National Guard is in Elba for 10 days doing some much needed debris cleaning from the waterways surrounding the town. The 1869 Engineers, of Dothan, arrived Monday with trucks and earth moving equipment large enough to do the job. They immediately began work in the creek bed of Beaver Dam Creek, removing years of built up silt (in many cases, islands) and the trees and other vegetation which had grown up on them. The guard members are on special duty having been activated by the State of Alabama, especially for this work in Elba.

• **Brannon K. Boswell graduates from University of Alabama** - Brannon Keith Boswell graduated from the University of Alabama during commencement exercises on August 15. He earned a B.A. in Communication, majoring in Journalism. During his tenure at the University, Brannon was employed as editor of the Arts and Entertainment section of "The Crimson White" campus newspaper.

## 40 Years Ago

• **Mill To Be Built In Elba** - City and County officials have been working for several weeks with representatives of Great Northern Paper Company in plans for the construction of a quarter million dollar slushing mill in Elba. The mill will take an entire tree, debark it, and cut it into one of two lengths of pulpwood or into a plywood length and then deliver it to a loading ramp to be shipped to the mill by rail. Spokesmen for Great Northern state that the mill will initially employ 10-12 people and later this will be doubled by operating two shifts. Many more will be employed in the woods cutting, trimming the trees.

• **Wayne Grantham Joins Staff At Cook Chevrolet** - Mr. Wayne Grantham, of Elba, has joined the staff of Cook Chevrolet, according to owner Drexel Cook. Grantham was formerly the State Farm Insurance Agent in Elba. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Grantham of Elba and is married to the former Linda Hornsby of New Brockton and they have one daughter, Kimberly, three years old.

## 50 Years Ago

• **Ellis Gets Degree** - Charles Gavin Ellis, Jr., of Elba, received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama in the Summer Commencement held Friday, August 22, in Tuscaloosa.

• **Fire Destroys Home** - The home of J.D. Walker, on Taylor Mill Road, was completely destroyed by fire on the night of August 20. Origin is undetermined. The family had been away from home for several days. The flames started near the kitchen. The Elba Fire Department was called but the house was already wrapped in flames when they arrived. Loss is estimated at 1,000 dollars.

• **Hughie Gregory (Greg) Bryan** - Mr. Hughie Gregory (Greg) Bryan, age 43, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008, at his home in Elba. Memorial services were held Aug. 30, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba.

• **Letters to the Editor** - My heart aches when I think of the cruel and ungodly attacks launched against Sen. Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle... their faith in God, their patriotism and their love for this country. They have been labeled with unjust names that no American should have to endure... one name in Biblical history has stuck like glue, instilling fear in the minds and hearts of many Americans.

Those who claim to believe in God treat them both shamefully and without mercy... surely their God is watching. Sen. Obama tries to focus on issues, and often ignores the fact that his character is being ripped apart. That is when I lose control of my emotions and try to defend him... often in an unkind manner. It will probably happen again before this amazing year ends.

Michelle gave a very inspiring speech at the Democratic Convention. It was amazing to me. Their daughters, Sasha and Malia, are lovely. I don't think their family was hurt by the church they attended with Rev. Jeremiah Wright as their pastor. I hope to see them remain steadfast in their beliefs, regardless of the outcome of this election.

Vera Maddox-Crozier  
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## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at &lt;www.elba-clipper.com&gt;

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Survivors include her husband: Rev. Roderick Rideaux; parents: Mr. and Mrs. Burville Jones; eight siblings: Gwen Berry, Elba, Labon (Josephine) Jones, Opp, Ala.; Freddie (Cordellia) Jones, Brantley, Ala.; Cynthia (Ben) Rayborn, Elba, Ala.; Alvin (Amy) Jones, Opp, Amy Jones, Elba; one step-daughter, Kim Rideaux, Enterprise; a sister-in-law: Marlar Rideaux Thakkar (Vipul); and her grandmother: Katie B. Brooks, Opp.

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Mrs. Gladys Bowdoin Donaldson, age 98, of the Mt. Gilead Community in Coffee County, Ala., died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008.

Mrs. Donaldson taught school in Coffee County prior to becoming a full-time homemaker.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 2008 at Providence Funeral Home in Enterprise, Ala., with Rev. Fred Fowler and Rev. Larry Grimm officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery on Highway 87 in Coffee County. Donations may be made to favorite charities.

Mrs. Donaldson was born in Coffee County on April 17, 1910, to the late Pierce and Jermina Bowdoin. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Donaldson, as well as three brothers, Cleatus, Charlie and Jim "Goofy" Bowdoin.

Survivors include her children and their spouses: Joe Ed and Janice Donaldson, Elba; Ray and Gail Helms and Ronnie and Dianne Donaldson, all of Enterprise; five grandchildren: Gary and Gina Donaldson Price, Enterprise; Jim and Daphne Donaldson Cook, Elba; Bryan Helms, Enterprise; Tara and Joey Donaldson, Chelsea, Ala.; and Josh and Brandi Helms Morgan, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

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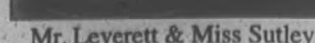
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**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
**SAMSON, AL.**  
 Richard Thery, Sr. Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
 Even. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Danny Bynum, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**BETHEL AFFIRMATION METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Philip Copes, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Tue. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 David Caldwell, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Dr. Day Dyke, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Discipline: 1:30 p.m.  
 Even. Worship: 9:00 a.m.

**BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Tom Senn, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Robert Davis, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.

**CHRISTNUT GROUND METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Martha Baxter  
 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9:00 a.m.  
 1st & 3rd & 5th Sundays: 9:00 a.m.  
 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
 Dr. H. Hill, Minister  
 Sunday School: 12:00 noon  
 Even. Service: 4th Sunday

**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Alan Grant, Pastor  
 Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship: 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Rev. (Youth Rev.)  
 Children's Activities: 6:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. H. McMillan, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**DORSEY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Dale Morgan, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Discipline Training: 2:00 p.m.  
 Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Bernard Strickland, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Phillip Bos, Minister  
 Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
 Ron Stallard, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
 Rev. Edmond Tidlock  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Night: 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE CHURCH**  
 Allen Richards, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Pastor Rev. Billy Kline  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Travis Johnson-Interim  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA 2nd BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Lavinia Martin, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**FATH CHAPRA COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Phillip Nelson, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**ISABELLA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Daniel Bradshaw, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH**  
 Overeys Robilly, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
 Overeys Robilly, Pastor  
 Sat. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 4:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
 W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

**HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor  
 Morn. Worship: 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
 Charlie Ellis, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Donald Ash, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Wesley D. Ardi, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Garry Winstead, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 8:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Rev. Andy Marler, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Stewart Young  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.

**LIVESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
 Saturday Service: 9:45 a.m.  
 Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Thurs. Service: 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Greg Hancock, Minister  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 7:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
 R. Charles Jones, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

**LIGHTHOUSE EMMANUEL HOLINESS CHURCH**  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Night: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Night: 7:00 p.m.

**MC CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 R. J. Parks, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
 1st & 3rd Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**MC GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Fred Foy, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

**MC OLIVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Richard P. Vane, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
 Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

**MC NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Gary Dunn, Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meet: 6:30 p.m.

**MC TON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Larry Grimm-Pastor  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
 Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

**MC VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 Pastor Joe Jones  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
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**MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION CHURCH OF GOD**  
 Pastor Phila Martin, Minister  
 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
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## SPORTS

## VIEWS FROM...

## THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

I have just about come to the conclusion that if I am going to see my daughters on a regular basis I am going to have to head up to Troy. School has been back in session for over three weeks now and they haven't been back home even once to spend the weekend and visit with their very lonesome Dad. One of them will make it back to Elba this week to pick up a check for the rent on their apartment and maybe to get a little extra spending money, but that trip will last just long enough to get a hug and the money. I know Melanie is busy with her sorority and being an ambassador and Melissa is very busy in her last semester in college. However, home is still home and hopefully one weekend soon they will find their way back.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers continued their recent dominance over the Opp Bobcats last week as they rolled to a big 43-28 win over the 4A Bobcats in a game that wasn't anywhere as close as the final score might make one think. The Tigers moved ahead 43-14 early in the fourth quarter and began to substitute liberally on both sides of the ball, while Opp left in most of its starters until the final horn and was determined to close the gap and make the final score much more respectable. I guess the final score many times is more important to the team that loses than the one that wins, but a win is a win and I know the Elba coaches and players didn't care what the scoreboard read as long as the Tigers came out on top.

The Elba offense rolled up and down the field, and except for a short three-play game at the end of the half and an interception that was negated by a fumble on the return the Tigers scored on their first five possessions of the game. Freshman quarterback Michael Lindsey and junior running back Carlos Matias combined to gain over 200 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on the ground, while six different receivers had catches as Lindsey connected on 11 of 16 passes and one score. The Elba offense may look a little ragged at times as its backs scoot around would be tacklers, but it is explosive and when it gets rolling it can light up the scoreboard in a hurry.

The Elba defense gave up a lot of yardage up the middle against a very physical Opp offensive line, but held its own in key situations and made some big stops that kept the Tigers out in front. The Bobcats had two long scoring drives in which they barely slowed down, and while the defense did rise to the challenge and make some big plays, I am sure the coaches will work hard and make adjustments that will strengthen the defense. Hey, it was the first game of the season and with only four starters back it was indeed a winning effort.

All in all it was simply another amazing win against a very good team from Opp. Elba has now scored an average of 46 points a game against the Bobcats over the last three seasons and has yet to punt in any of the three games. I know that streak will end one day, but for now it is a little hard to believe.

The New Brockton Gamecocks opened the Jim Bob Striplin era with a big 31-6 win over Zion Chapel and after just one week the Gamecocks fans are already talking about the playoffs and how "Gamecock Pride" is alive and well. The Gamecocks struggled a bit on offense despite the big point total and needed the aid of six Rebel turnovers to overcome mistakes and penalties that prevented the offense from establishing any kind of consistency, while over on defense the Gamecocks received some on the job training and were still able to make enough big plays to dominate the action. While it is always more fun when you win, the biggest plus for the Gamecocks has to be the attitude and the added confidence that has no doubt returned with the arrival of Coach Striplin.

\*\*\* Zion Chapel made enough mistakes to lose several games in its 31-6 loss last week to New Brockton, but the Rebels never quit fighting and right up until the final play of the game lined up and gave it all they had. The Rebels may experience some growing pains on offense as they open things up a bit and try to find the right players for all the positions, while over on defense the Rebels are obviously ready to head to battle and it will have to be the defense that carries the team in early season play. The win total may not be enough to satisfy the Rebel fans. However, the effort of the players is easy to see and should be easy to support 100%.

\*\*\* Kinston saw its losing streak reach 16 games last week with a 38-0 setback to Red Level and it looks like the Bulldogs could be headed for another long season. The Bulldogs suffer from an obvious lack of breakaway speed on offense, and that means they will have to line up and run the ball and play ball control if they hope to keep the score close enough to steal a win late in the game. Over on defense the Bulldogs play hard and don't mind putting their pads to work, but also lack the speed to cover the corners and

their pads to work, but also lack the speed to cover the corners and must try and come up with big plays. The coaches and players at Kinston are to be commended for their effort and there is no doubt there will be some games along the way they could win.

\*\*\* Brantley opened its season with a big 21-6 win over Luverne and while the Bulldogs were impressive on both sides of the ball, many fans were less than thrilled with their new double wing look on offense that relies on misdirection and quickness to be successful. The Bulldogs did go to the air in the first half and passed for almost 150 yards, but after getting ahead 21-0 they let the air out and kept the ball on the ground and kept the clock running. The fans will see more weapons in weeks to come as the offense settles in, but it was successful in its debut last week and will provide the wheels that move the Bulldog victory wagon this season.

\*\*\* The first week of the high school season is always filled with surprise and that was certainly the case last week when a third of the teams ranked in the preseason Top 10 were knocked off in their season openers. Four teams in 6A lost, including #9 Daphne, while St. Paul's was a victim in 5A; top-ranked Dehler, #2 Thomasville and #4 UMS-Wright all fell in 4A; #5 Pike County lost in 3A; #3 Addison lost its opener in 2A; and #4 Gaston and #9 Shoals Christian were knocked off in the 1A ranks. The preseason poll is nothing but a guess based on a team's success the previous season, and last week's results proved that once again.

Looking back at last week's season opening results, I'll admit there were a number of scores that jumped out at me and almost knocked me down. In Class 6A the biggest surprises were McGill-Toolen blasting UMS-Wright 41-17 and Carver bombing Jeff Davis 50-7, while in Class 5A Eufaula struggled with Dothan in a 13-9 win and Charles Henderson had to fight to escape with a 24-19 win over Greenville. In Class 4A second-ranked Thomsville was no match for 1A Sweet Water and got clobbered 30-14, while Strawnth shelled Andalusia in a 30-26 stunner. In Class 3A Pike County lost to 5A Carroll 27-18 and Daleville enjoyed its new classification and celebrated with a 37-6 romp past Highland Home, while in Montgomery it was a surprise that Catholic blanked Montgomery Academy 13-0. In Class 2A Leroy showed it was still the team to beat with an easy 36-9 win over Clarke County, while Clay County struggled past Monford 13-9 and Barbour County opened the season with an 18-6 win over Stewart-Quitman, Georgia. Down in Class 1A McKenzie stunned Excel 34-29 and may be for real after all, while Arton easily disposed of 3A Headland 34-12 and may very well be a team to watch in the region dominated for so long by Brantley.

I was more than a little surprised with Alabama's 34-10 domination over Clemson last weekend, but unlike many Tide fans am far from ready to declare the Crimson Tide to be a national power. Alabama's game plan on offense was to take away Clemson's speed by running straight ahead, and that plan worked almost to perfection as a stable of backs ran headfirst into the line and more times than not gained plus yardage. The success of the running game also helped open up the passing attack, and led to former Pike County standout Nick Walker having a career night. The Bama quarterback didn't have a lot of success throwing deep, which could hurt as the season progresses, but then again he didn't have to thanks to the offensive line and the hard running of the backs. It was just one win, but it was fun to watch.

Auburn struggled in the first half against Louisiana Monroe and then turned it on in the second half to claim a big win. The vaunted high speed spread offense had a flat tire in the opening two quarters and never really got on track, despite the fact the Tigers ran for somewhere near a mile against their outmatched opponent. We all knew there would be games in which the spread struggled, but no one thought it would happen in week #1 against a team from the same conference as Troy University. Want to bet the coaches went back to the chalkboard Sunday afternoon?

\*\*\* In closing... The high school volleyball season is now in full swing and after two weeks of action it looks like all the county teams are going to have solid seasons. The Elba Lady Tigers have stumbled a little and closed the week with a 1-2 record after a loss to Zion Chapel, while the Lady Rebels have improved every season and are now a team that can beat any team on its schedule on any given day. Kinston lost to Providence in a clash of volleyball rivals and it looks like the Lady Bulldogs are no longer unbeatable, and New Brockton is vastly improved and should only get better as the season rolls on. If you get a chance why not go out and watch a match.... It's more exciting than you might think.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PREDICTS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by late over the weekend and laughed that the opening week of the season wasn't kind to many of the so called guessperts across the state as twenty of the teams in the state's top ten lost their season openers. The local prognosticator hit on all four of his local picks, but posted 16-6

## In region opener

## Elba Tigers go hunting bears

The Elba Tigers will remain on the road this week and will be looking to continue their early-season success when they swing into region play with a road test in Cottonwood against the highly touted Cottonwood Bears.

The meeting will be only the fifth ever between the two region rivals, with the overall record being 2-2. Elba won the first two meetings, but Cottonwood has returned the favor in the last two meetings with 36-32 win in '04 and a 47-12 win in '05.

"Cottonwood has a very athletic team that has tremendous overall quickness and some very talented players," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "On offense they operate out of the spread and look a lot like we did a few years back. They have a big quarterback that is 6'5" and was an all-state performer last season at tight end. He has a strong arm and can also run the football, and is obviously a load to try and bring down. They have three good running backs that split time in the backfield and several dangerous receivers that are very quick and can take it the distance on any play. Over on defense Coach Toby Greene said it is the best defense he has ever

overall record and was a little disappointed with his showing. Oh well, maybe this week the weather will clear up long enough for his crystal ball to focus on the winners. Here goes....

## ELBA VS. COTTONWOOD

The Pea River felines will head over to the Wiregrass to hunt bears this weekend and need to carry more weapons than they did a few years back when they found a den of the beasts and got ripped apart. This batch of felines is quicker than in years past and may have sharper claws, which should come in handy since I have heard the bears are ready and waiting for the early season showdown.

## ELBA 27 COTTONWOOD 25

## NEW BROCKTON VS. G.W. LONG

The roosters from across the four lane will load up for another road trip Friday night and will try to prevent from being the main course when they sneak up on some victory hungry soldiers over in the woods of Dale County. The roosters did some crowing late at night a week ago after surviving a similar encounter, and the guess here is this week the yard birds will once again get the chance to clear their throats.

## NEW BROCKTON 17 G.W. LONG 13

## ZION CHAPEL VS. GOSHEN

The troops from over at Ft. Jack will be on maneuvers this weekend in the woods over in Pike County and hope to bring home something besides aches and pains as they hunt for some high flying birds. The troops have to be hungry after missing out on a chicken dinner a week ago, but unless their aim has improved it looks like more canned rations on the trip back home.

## GOSHEN 29 ZION CHAPEL 12

## KINSTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The bullpups from down near the county line will head out this weekend for a trip to see just who are really the top dogs in the southern part of the region. The pups haven't tasted victory in over a year and will be lean and mean when they arrive. However, the word is the other set of canines at the show are bigger, faster and stronger. That doesn't sound like a fun trip to me.

## GENEVA COUNTY 32 KINSTON 8

## BRANTLEY VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The dogs from over across the river will leave the pound early Friday afternoon and have a picnic planned over near the Circle City with bird being the main course on the menu. In years past the dogs have feasted on the birds from this particular roost, but this year they won't be as easy to snare and it could take a while before the fire gets started.

## BRANTLEY 21 PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 10

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Leroy 39 Millry 6  
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Dale County 22 Abbeville 16  
Bayside 24 Calhoun 0  
Laverne 20 Central 6  
Straughton 28 Choctaw County 10  
T.R. Miller 31 Cottage Hill 7  
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## SPORTS



ELBA MARCHING TIGER MAJORETTES... perform at halftime Friday night in Opp. The Elba Marching Tiger Band performed and received a standing ovation from the large crowd on hand at the Elba-Opp high school football game.



ELBA TIGER DEFENSE... meets at an Opp Bobcat running back in last week's 43-28 win in the season opener. Cameron Rodgers (51) and Gavin Respress (4) make the stop, while arriving for aid are Keenan Phillips (1), Jason Mitchell (5), Colton Vaughan (65) and Jonathan Farmer (64).

## In 43-28 win over Opp

## Elba Tigers light up the scoreboard

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers continued their dominance over their neighbors from Covington County Friday night as they battered the Opp Bobcats 43-28, in the season opener for both teams.

Elba began its first possession at its own 43-yardline and promptly marched 57 yards in 14 plays to get on the scoreboard. Carlos Matias gained 28 yards on six carries during the scoring drive, while Michael Lindsey added 19 yards on five carries and scored the touchdown on a 2-yard scamper. Richard Cooks kicked the extra-point and with 3:46 remaining in the first quarter, the Tigers owned an early 7-0 lead.

Opp answered the Tiger touchdown with a score of its own as the Bobcats took the ensuing kickoff and used a physical running attack to reach pay dirt. Josh Scarborough scored the Opp touchdown on a 2-yard blast up the middle, and the extra-point try was successful as the Bobcats pulled even at 7-7 with 10:05 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba began its next offensive possession at its own 35-yardline and once again headed toward the endzone as the Tigers drove 65 yards in 13 plays to regain the lead. Carlos Matias gained 15 yards on five carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Gunnar McCollough gained 13 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. Richard Cooks booted the extra-point and with 4:12 remaining in the half the Tigers were back on top 14-7.

Elba had a chance to add to its lead late in the half after a 27-yard pass interception return by Gavin Respress of the Tigers up at the Opp 36-yardline. However, two incomplete passes and an 18-yard connection to Kendrick Robertson used up the time left on the clock and at halftime the Tigers went in with a 14-7 advantage.

Opp kicked off to begin the second half and it took the Bobcats four tries to finally get the half started as they twice kicked the ball out of bounds and then were penalized for illegal procedure, which resulted in Opp kicking off from its own 25-yardline.

Elba put the ball in play at the Opp 43-yardline after the fourth kickoff attempt stayed on the field and this time the Tigers needed seven plays to add to their lead. Michael Lindsey gained 32 yards on three carries to spark the short scoring drive, while Carlos Matias scored the touchdown on a 6-yard run. Richard Cooks added the extra-point and with 8:27 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers were on top 21-7.

Opp showed signs of life on its ensuing possession and got right back in the game as the Bobcats flexed their muscles and marched down the field to cut into the Elba advantage. The score came on a 5-yard run by Richard Davis, and the extra-point was true as Opp pulled within 21-14 with 3:50 still left in the third quarter.

The Elba offense continued its dominance on its ensuing possession as the Tigers scored their fourth touchdown in five possessions on a seven-play, 74-yard march. Carlos Matias was the workhorse of the long scoring drive as he gained 44 yards on four carries, while the score came on a 13-yard screen pass from Michael Lindsey to Sandarius Reed. Richard Cooks again nailed the extra-point and with 1:53 remaining in the third quarter Elba's lead was up to 28-14.

Elba's Cameron Rodgers recovered an Opp fumble at the Bobcat 36-yardline on the game's next series, and the Tigers quickly cashed in on the turnover as regained command. Michael Lindsey capped the seven-play drive with a 17-yard dash into the endzone, and Richard Cooks added the extra-point to put the Tigers ahead 35-14 with 10:32 left in the fourth quarter.

Opp was forced to punt on its next possession and the Tigers added a little fireworks to their offensive show as Gavin Respress fielded the punt near midfield, sidestepped two defenders, broke a tackle and hit the sidelines in full stride on a 52-yard punt return for a touchdown. Richard Cooks turned a bad snap into a two-point conversion and with 8:31 remaining in the quarter the Tigers had blown the game open by grabbing a 43-14 lead.

Opp refused to throw in the towel despite the huge deficit and scored two late touchdowns against the Elba reserves to make the score respectable. Josh Scarborough scored on a 1-yard run with 4:45 left on the clock, while Richard Davis scored on an 8-yard run with 1:32 remaining as the Bobcats managed to add to their point total in the 43-28 loss to the Tigers.

Carlos Matias gained 126 yards on 22 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while Michael Lindsey added 93 yards on 12 carries, scored 2 touchdowns and completed 11 of 16 passes for 83 yards. Josh Scarborough led Opp with 76 yards on 10 carries, while Gavin Free completed 2 of 3 passes for 19 yards.

Trey Belcher had 8 solo tackles, 2 assists and one quarterback sack for a 7-yard loss to lead the Elba defense, while Sandarius Reed had 4 tackles and 4 assists. Kendrick Robertson had 2 tackles and 6 assists, and Gavin Respress and Jason Mitchell both had 4 solo tackles and 3 assists. Respress had a pass interception and Michael Lindsey and Cameron Rodgers both recovered fumbles.

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Elba Tiger quarterback Michael Lindsey (6) looks for running room as an Opp defender closes in. Lindsey scored 2 touchdowns and passed for another in the Tigers' season opening win over the Bobcats.

## THANK YOU ELBA!!



For your vote and confidence in me as your City Council member for the District 3 seat. On October 7th we had to do it one more time, so we need everyone in District 3 to come out and vote for **MIKE McKEE** for City Council, District 3.

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Pd. Pol. Adv. By Mike McKee, 342 Dr. Roberts Dr., Elba, AL

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## SPORTS



Zion Chapel offensive coordinator Coach Alan Maness talks with Rebels during a break in the action. The Rebels will travel to Goshen this week in the region opener for both teams.

## In 31-6 win over Zion Chapel

## Gamecocks turn turnovers into touchdowns



New Brockton's Johnny McArthur (42) tries to pull away from a Zion Chapel defender in last week's big 31-6 win over the Rebels. This week the Gamecocks will travel to G.W. Long looking to earn their first region win of the young season.



LADY REBELS SHOW WINNING FORM... The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels posted wins over Elba and Samson last week in high school volleyball season. Zion Chapel will travel to Highland Home today (Thursday) for a match involving the junior high, junior varsity and varsity teams.

Story and photos by  
Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the New Brockton Gamecocks Friday night in the season opener for both teams and what looked like a defensive struggle early turned into a big New Brockton win as the Gamecocks took advantage of numerous Rebel turnovers to roll to a 31-6 victory for new head coach Jim Bob Striplin.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and behind the passing of Hunter Cauley drove 28 yards to reach the Zion Chapel 43-yardline. The Zion Chapel defense stiffened and forced a punt, but the Rebels gave the ball back on a fumble near midfield and once again the Gamecocks began a march toward the Zion Chapel endzone.

A 21-yard pass from Hunter Cauley to Justin Griswold and a 13-yard run by Solomon Harris helped New Brockton reach the Zion Chapel 6-yardline. However, the Rebels rose up and after knocking the Gamecocks back on three straight running plays, escaped the scoring threat when a 29-yard field-goal try sailed wide.

Zion Chapel gave the ball back two plays later on another fumble and this time New Brockton cashed in with the turnover to get on the scoreboard as the Gamecocks moved on top 7-0 with 10:24 remaining in the second quarter.

The Zion Chapel offense began a drive on its next possession, and behind the running of Lance Walden moved the chains twice and crossed the midfield stripe. The third fumble of the half ended the drive, while the Rebels fumbled the ball on the 14-yard line.

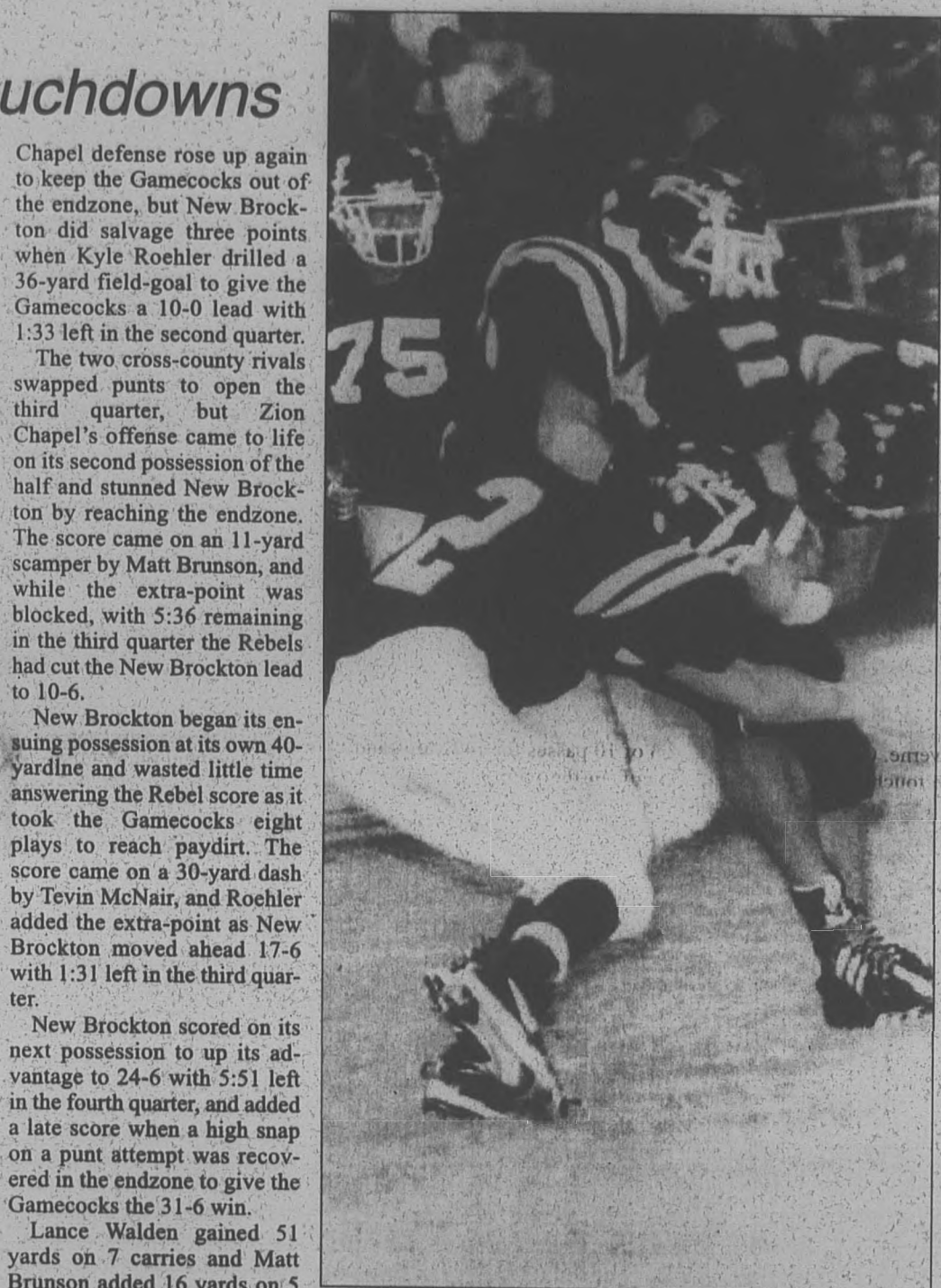
Three plays later when the Rebels fumbled away a punt at the Zion Chapel 27-yardline.

New Brockton moved to the Zion Chapel 6-yardline, but misfired on a fourth down pass as the Rebels dodged yet another Gamecock bullet thanks to the determined efforts of the Zion Chapel defensive unit.

Zion Chapel suffered its fifth fumble of the half on the very next snap, as New Brockton regained possession at the Rebel 9-yardline. The Zion



HERE COME THE REBELS... Members of the Zion Chapel Rebels burst through the victory banner as they take the field to battle the New Brockton Gamecocks in last week's season opener won by the Gamecocks 31-6.



New Brockton receiver Seth Culverhouse (11) fights for extra yardage after pulling in a pass in last week's 31-6 win over Zion Chapel. Justin Winters (2) arrives to help make the stop. Culverhouse had 7 catches for 60 yards in the season opening win.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 4  
Elba at Samson (JV-V) 4:00  
Zion Chapel at Highland Home (JR-JV-V) 4:00  
Kinston at St. James (JV-V) 4:30  
Kinston vs. Trinity, at St. James (JV-V) 5:30  
New Brockton at Red Level (JV-V) 4:00  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 6  
Kinston, in Andalusia Tournament  
New Brockton, in G.W. Long JV Tournament  
MONDAY, SEPT. 8  
Kinston at Dauphin (7TH-JR) 4:30

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9  
Elba at Straughn (V) 6:00  
Samson at Zion Chapel (JV-V) 4:00  
Kinston at Pleasant Home (JV-V) 4:00  
Arilton at New Brockton (JV-V) 4:00  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 11  
Elba at New Brockton (JV-V) 4:00  
Zion Chapel at Pike County (JV-V) 4:00  
Kinston at Opp (V) 4:00  
Kinston vs. Samson, at Opp (V) 5:00  
New Brockton at Elba (JV-V) 4:00

ZC	1st Downs	NB
7	14	
22-86	Rushes-Yds.	39-124
17	Passing Yds.	142
103	Total Offense	266
5-10-0	Passes	14-19-0
7/6	Fumbles/Lost	2/0
2-43	Punts-Ave.	3-31
3-35	Penalties-Yds.	12-93

## SPORTS

## In season opener

## Brantley Bulldogs tame Tigers 21-6

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs were at home Friday night to open the 2008 high school football season against their archrivals from Luverne and turned in an impressive performance as they tamed the Tigers 21-6.

On the game's first play from scrimmage Brantley's Chase Hall dropped back to pass and found Anthony Gullely all alone behind the Luverne defense. The scoring play covered 60 yards and gave the Bulldogs an instant lead, while Britt Barnes added the extra-point as Brantley took a 7-0 lead with only 18-seconds gone off the clock.

The next Brantley touchdown came in a more conventional method—a 13-play drive that covered 72 yards. Devontae Porter scored the touchdown when he took an inside handoff and scampered 13 yards and Barnes again added the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead went to 14-0 with 11:14 remaining in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs threatened once more before the end of the half as they moved to the Luverne 21-yardline. Chase Hall completed passes of 17 and 31 yards on the drive, but the Tiger defense stiffened and turned back the scoring threat as the Bulldogs carried the 14-0 lead at the half.

As the second half opened Luverne moved into Brantley territory, only to be stopped by a fumble as the Bulldogs' Freeman Walker and Michael Walker combined for the recovery at the 36-yardline.



LEAD THE WAY... Brantley Bulldog running back Zach Wiley (24) follows teammate Richard Sims (50) around the corner in action last week in the Bulldogs' 21-6 win over Luverne. The Bulldogs will begin region play this week when they travel to Dothan to meet the Providence Christian Eagles.

The Brantley rushing attack took over after the recovery as the Bulldogs mounted a 10-play drive that covered 64 yards. The touchdown came on a 10-yard run by Anthony Gullely on an inside handoff, and Britt Barnes recovered a fumble late in the game for the Bulldogs, and Brantley easily held on for the season opening 21-6 win.

Anthony Gullely gained 83 yards on 10 carries, pulled in 2 passes for 74 yards and scored 2 touchdowns to spark the Brantley offense, while Chase

Hall completed 6 of 10 passes for 142 yards, all in the first half.

## STATISTICS

B	1st Downs	L
14	1st Downs	11
44-190	Rushes-Yds.	29-87
142	Passing Yds.	84
332	Total Offense	151
6-10-0	Passes	8-15-0
67	Return Yds.	35
0	Fumbles Lost	2
5-40	Penalties-Yds.	3-15
3-31	Punts-Ave.	5-36

## Benefit golf tourney set for Sept. 13 at River Oaks course

The Wiregrass Area Driving For Scholarships Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 13th at the River Oaks Golf Course in Geneva. Hole in one wins a new car! This is a 3-person scramble, 18-hole play. There will be awards for the top three teams, door prizes, and take-home goods. Shotgun start is 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$55 per person, including green fees, cart, one mulligan, and lunch. To register or for more information, call the course at 684-6190 or Rick Somrude at 898-7504. Proceeds will go toward scholarships to benefit the young women of the Wiregrass Area. Sponsors and donations are still being sought. Space is limited.

## Liberal waterfowl season is set

Alabama's waterfowl hunters will again enjoy waterfowl seasons under the "liberal" designation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The daily limit can consist of no more than four mallards (no female), three wood ducks, three mottled ducks, one black duck, two redhead and one pintail. The scup (bluebill) bag limit will be one bird from Nov. 27 through Jan. 5 and then increase to two birds per day from Jan. 6-25.

The bag limit for mergansers is five per day, only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The bag limit on coots is 15 per day. The possession limit on coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

The special teal season is scheduled for Sept. 6-21 with a daily bag limit of four and possession limit of eight.

A special early Canada goose season is set from Sept. 1-15 with a daily bag limit of five with a possession limit of 10.

The regular goose season—statewide, including the Southern James Bay Population Zone—is Sept. 27 through Oct. 6 and Nov. 27-Jan. 25.

The daily bag limit of five shall not include more than two Canada geese or two white-fronted geese. The possession limit of five shall include no more than four Canada geese and white-fronted geese in aggregate. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.



Kinston Bulldog quarterback Wesley Burton (9) rolls out and tries to elude a Red Level defender in action last week in the Bulldogs' 38-0 loss to the Tigers. This week the Bulldogs will travel to Hartford to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs.

## Kinston drops opener to Red Level 38-0 in season opener

By Wesley Hunko  
Photos by Mike Cupps

The Kinston Bulldogs kicked off the 2008 high school football season last Thursday night with a 38-0 loss to the Red Level Tigers.

Desmond Jones started off the night's scoring within the initial seven minutes of the game with a short touchdown run, and the Tigers tacked on the two-point conversion on a

run by Preston Ryce as Red Level jumped ahead 8-0.

The Tigers' lead went to 16-0 late in the opening quarter after a Kinston fumble, while with 8:55 left in the second quarter Torrey Cobb scored and the Tigers again added the two-point conversion as their lead grew to 24-0.

Jon Neal scored on a quarterback sneak late in the half as Red Level's lead ballooned to 30-0, while the final touchdown

of the night came late in the third quarter when Cornelius Calloway broke loose on a 56-yard touchdown jaunt. Red Level's final points came on a safety as the Tigers claimed the 38-0 win.

Jayson Kelley led the Kinston offense with over 30 total yards, despite losing a 40-yard gain due to an inadvertent whistle, while Jake Kelley and Eric Wise made a combined 13 tackles to lead the Bulldogs on defense and Taylor Lentini recovered a fumble.

Desmond Jones gained 72 yards on 9 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead Red Level, while the Tigers out rushed the Bulldogs 313 to 57.

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## Dear Readers,

The 2009 Yearbook Staff would like to extend deepest apologies for the numerous errors in the 2008 Elbala. Many of these errors were careless and could have easily been avoided. The staff and school extend a special apology to the Sullivant family.

On a brighter note, the Elbala has a wonderful new staff with new editors and a new advisor. Each of the members will strive to make this yearbook live up to the expectations of students, parents and staff members of Elba City Schools.

**Thank you,**  
**Christy Laramore, Advisor**  
**Shelby Brunson, Editor**  
**Kayla Riels, Editor**

## Teacher Spotlight

by Richi Singletary

This week's teacher spotlight focuses on one of the new teachers at Elba High School, Ms. Betsy White.

Ms. White is the business/marketing teacher and the Spanish access lab facilitator. She is also head softball coach. This is Ms. White's first year as a teacher. She also owns her own softball training facility, "G-Force Competitive Training."

Ms. White graduated from Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala. in 2000. She went to Gulf Coast Community College, a Division I

Junior College, to play softball. She also attended Lipscomb University, a Division I softball and Ivy academic university.

Ms. White loves going home to her two dogs, Savannah and Samson, and two cats Tiger and Magellan.

"I enjoy working here and hope to be here for many years to come," Ms. White said. "There are some great and talented students and staff throughout the Elba City Schools System. I look forward to being an asset to the school academically and athletically."

The students and faculty of Elba High are thrilled that she has joined the school's team.

## Cortlin Lee attends Rural Health Scholar Program

by Chessie Cross

This summer, Elba High School senior Cortlin Lee attended the Rural Health Scholar Program in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The program lasted from June 1st through July 3rd, where 25 students entering their senior year participated in college life. They stayed in Rose Tower dormitory on the University of Alabama campus and ate their meals in on-campus dining halls.

Cortlin and the other students, all from rural Alabama schools, took chemistry and creative writing classes for four hours daily during the program. Their chemistry teacher, Dr. Scheiner, made sure they had several hours each week in a laboratory to practice using their new knowledge, and their

creative writing teacher, Stacy Gnull, made writing a fun learning process.

Cortlin said, "I really enjoyed writing. We didn't have to worry about following the rules of grammar because it really was about being creative. It was a fun class which I really looked forward to attending."

During the program, the students attended regular seminars to learn about health and medical fields, time management, college admissions and the University of Alabama. The group also took a trip to Mo-



Cortlin Lee

bile, where they toured the Gross Anatomy Lab at the University of South Alabama.

While Cortlin sincerely enjoyed her class time, she also appreciated the free time the students had each afternoon. She took advantage of that time to find great places to eat, make new friends, and learn her way around Tuscaloosa.

Cortlin said that it really helped to prepare her for college. It helped her to decide that she wants to go to school at the University of Alabama and

pursue a career in psychiatry. Cortlin said she really enjoyed being part of the program and looks forward to seeing all her new friends next fall.

## Sr. Beta Club plans year of serving others

by Richi Singletary

The National Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, grants scholarships, and provides setting for a child to develop interpersonal relationship skills.

In order to qualify for Senior Beta, a student must make A's and B's, attend all meetings, and participate in all the club's activities. Senior Beta is only for students in grades 10-12.

The National Beta Club's motto is "Let us lead by serving others." This year the Senior Beta Club at Elba High School has planned a good deal of service.

In October, club members will participate in Pumpkins on the Square. In November, they will hold a raffle for Auburn and Alabama Christmas ornaments. In December, members will ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

The officers for this school year are as follows: Maizie Thomas, president; Dylan McCollough, vice-president; Kayla Riels, secretary; Jordan McBride, treasurer; Cortlin Lee and Megan Sullivant, historians; and Janice Ramsey, Homecoming chairperson.

## Show your support for the Elba Tigers!!

Elba High School's F.C.C.L.A. club is selling yard signs and car magnets. If interested in purchasing one contact F.C.C.L.A. club sponsor Christine Wallock at 897-2256.



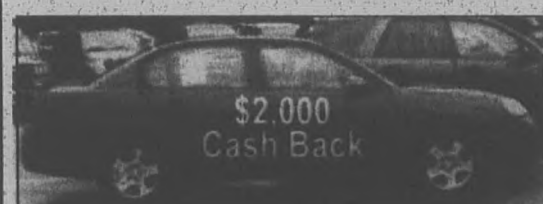
Elba High students Molly McGuire, Courtney Driggers, Kayla Riels, Taylor Creel, Lindsay McClung and Emily Driggers show off their Elba Tiger spirit by wearing boots last week during "Spirit Day." Students wore all kinds of boots to show off their spirit for the Elba Tigers as the 2008 Football season began.

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## Elba W&E board votes to drill new water well

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board faced a problem Monday evening, Sept. 8, but accepted their responsibility and voted to proceed with drilling a new water well to replace the now closed down well at the river bridge.

That well was first put into use in 1961 and was supplying an average of 200,000 gallons a

day to users East of Pea River and up Highway 125 to the Coffee County landfill. Engineers estimate it will take at least ten months to get the new well permitted, drilled and in operation.

Until a new well is in operation, water is being transferred with a rented auxiliary pump through a fireplug in downtown Elba into the elevated tank that serves the above area. The emergency pump operates eight to nine hours a day to meet this need at a cost of \$11,000 plus diesel fuel ever 48 hours of operation.

## Elba City Council votes to approve one-time payment for city retirees

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher



Dennis Coleman Water Superintendent

The Elba City Council followed the lead of state officials and approved a one-time lump sum payment to about a dozen city retirees Monday evening, Sept. 8, during the regular council meeting.

The payment, authorized by the Alabama legislature in lieu of a permanent pay raise, will be made in December. The retirees will receive checks ranging from \$122 to \$416, based on their previous salary and

A less expensive alternative is the recent purchase of an electrical pump. The total cost of this purchase will be \$23,000, which includes the necessary hoses and electrical connections. It should be shipped and in operation within the next three weeks.

Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman estimates the new well will cost somewhere between \$200,000 and \$250,000, based on estimates from one well drilling firm. Other esti-

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THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT responded late Monday night, Sept. 8, to the scene of a house fire on Dunham Street (across from the Dorsey Trailers plant) in Elba. The fire was reported at approximately 11:22 p.m. Monday night, and flames were visible from the rear of the house. Firefighters arrived on scene within minutes of being dispatched. Immediately upon arrival, the firefighters reported they were told there might be someone in the home; however, that proved to be inaccurate as no one was home at the time of the fire. Firefighters were able to contain most of the blaze to the rear of the home, but the fire already had caused extensive damage to the structure. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department and Coffee County EMS.

## County Commissioners amend current budget for sheriff's department and jail

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Upon the request of Sheriff Dave Sutton, Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday morning, Sept. 8, to amend the current budget for the sheriff's department and county jail to cover expenses until the end of the fiscal year.

Sutton asked commissioners to amend the sheriff's department budget in the amount of \$68,000.60. The sheriff attributed the majority of his department's budget overage to fuel prices. Sutton also asked commissioners to amend the county jail budget in the amount of \$15,177 to closeout the fiscal

year. Commissioners approved both requests separately; however, neither vote was unanimous. Commissioner Doug Dalrymple voted against each motion to amend the budget.

Shortly after approving the requests from the sheriff to amend his current budget, the focus of the Monday's meeting turned to the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

County administrator Kathy Lolley said much thought and work has gone into the proposed budget for FY2009 through several work sessions. On Monday, she presented the proposed budget for FY2009 before commissioners for approval.

Lolley said Coffee County's proposed budget for FY2009 equals \$17,159,456. She said this includes a cost of living raise for employees and an increase in the pickup fees for the county's roll-off service.

A motion to approve the FY2009 budget was approved by commissioners, but it did not receive a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dalrymple again cast the lone opposing vote.

According to Dalrymple, there was at one point approximately \$200,000 in the budget for dirt road paving, but he said the budget approved Monday morning included zero funds for dirt road paving.

"To me, this is unacceptable," said Dalrymple.

He said he felt the removal of these funds from the budget was a slap in the face to him as well as a slap in the face to the people of District Four in which he represents.

Referring back to Monday's action to amend the current budget for the sheriff's department, Dalrymple said the county can find \$80,000 for overtime in the sheriff's department but out of a \$17 million budget can not find \$200,000 for dirt road paving. Again, he said he finds this to be unacceptable.

"I certainly don't support it

Please See CCC, Page 2

## Elba's chamber banquet set for Thursday evening, Sept. 18th

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 18, at the National Security Conference Center, located on East Davis Street. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year, the chamber will honor its military friends from Fort Rucker. Deputy Garrison Commander George Steuber will be the guest speaker as he brings greetings.

Once again, the banquet will feature some of Elba's restaurants and other food vendors. These merchants will be showcasing their specialties for the evening meal with approximately 12 vendors participating in this event.

The banquet will also have an awards ceremony to honor some of those who have been willing to serve during the year to help make Elba the best place in Alabama to live.

Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber Office, 329 Putnam Street, or from any board member. The cost is \$17.50. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Dress for the event is casual.

## Title sponsor monument unveiled at Elba's Tiger Town Park

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba officials and citizens gathered Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7, at Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba for a very special ceremony.

"We're here for a very special occasion today," said Neil Gilmer, Kiwanis club member and Elba Playground committee member, as she opened the ceremony dedicating the title sponsor monument at the Tiger Town Park.

The construction of the Tiger Town Park was completed Sept. 24, 2006, and officials celebrated the playground's second anniversary by unveiling a monument recognizing the title sponsors for the project. Title sponsors recognized included: Jack Rushing Brunson in memory of his parents, William Matthew and Annie Rushing Brunson; National Security Insurance Group; Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc.; Kiwanis International, Alabama District Kiwanis; Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer.

Gilmer thanked Heath and Jessica Wyrosdick, owners of Horizon Vault and Monument Company for the monument, which was placed at the entrance into the playground.

"We also have some exciting news today," said Gilmer as she introduced Elba Mayor James Grimes.

According to the mayor, the city applied for some grants several months ago and recently learned two have been awarded to help complete the overall playground project.

Mayor Grimes said a \$50,000

pavilion and amphitheater at Tiger Town Park.

Grimes said the construction of restrooms is the top priority. Following this announcement, the monument was un-

veiled, and the ceremony concluded with the release of balloons by children and adults commemorating the second anniversary of the playground in Elba.



UNVEILING THE MONUMENT: Garrett and Peyton Dunn, the children of Troy and Jill Dunn, officially unveil the title sponsor monument placed at the entrance of Tiger Town Park during a ceremony held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7. Representatives of the title sponsors along with several other officials and citizens were in attendance for the special ceremony. The event was coordinated by Neil Gilmer, a Kiwanis Club member and Playground Committee member. She said the Dunn siblings were asked to participate in the unveiling because the idea to build a playground in Elba originated from their mother. Construction of the playground was completed September 24, 2006. During Sunday's event, Elba Mayor James Grimes announced the city had received a couple of grants that will aid further construction at Tiger Town Park. For additional scenes from Sunday's event, look on Page 14 of today's paper.

## Area Happenings

THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 12, with the Elba Tigers playing host to Barbour County, the New Brockton Gamecocks traveling to Dothan to take on Houston Academy, the Zion Chapel Rebels hosting St. Jude, the Kinston Bulldogs hosting Providence Christian and the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Florida. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

THE ELBA COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDARS are now on sale through Friday, Sept. 26. Contact any Elba elementary or high school band member or contact Kimberly McBride, chairperson of the Elba Band Boosters Band Calendar Sales, at 334-427-3476 (work) or 334-897-5160 (home).

THE ZION CHAPEL HOMECOMING PARADE will be held Friday, Sept. 26, at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in having a parade entry needs to contact Zion Chapel High School at (334) 897-6275 to obtain an entry form. The entry form needs to be returned before Sept. 19. No candy or toys should be thrown from the parade entries. Violators will be asked not to participate in the future.

MEMBERS OF THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT will conduct their annual MDA Boot Drive on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The firemen will be located at various intersections within the City of Elba collecting funds for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY will hold a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. in the community room at the New Brockton Farm Center. Local candidates will be speaking. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273 ext 209 or 897-0395.